NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

June 7, 1996

CAMPAIGN BRIEFING/RECEPTION

ALL FIELD MUSEUM STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS INVITED

Tuesday, June 11:
8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

In the Rice Wildlife Research Station

All Field Museum staff and volunteers are cordially invited to attend a briefing and reception for *CONNECTING: The Campaign for The Field Museum,* our institution's five-year, $60 million special fund raising effort. **Sandy Boyd** and other key staff and volunteer leaders will outline the campaign's objectives and explain how achieving these will benefit us all. There will also be ample time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be provided for all to enjoy.

BANK-AT-WORK

A representative from First Chicago will be in Picnic-in-the-Field on Tuesday, June 11, 1996 to discuss banking options. For details, refer to the insert in this issue of the *Natural News*, or call the Personnel Office.

NEW EXHIBIT OPENS IN SEARLE LOUNGE

On Friday, May 31, a new exhibit was installed in the Searle Lounge (second floor balcony, north end). "Building Collections for Snail Research" honors the contributions of volunteers, collectors, friends and donors in supporting our Malacology collections. The exhibit coincides with the Malacology Symposium being held later this month at The Field Museum. The exhibit will be on display until late September.

We would like to thank all the people who worked so hard to make this exhibit a reality:

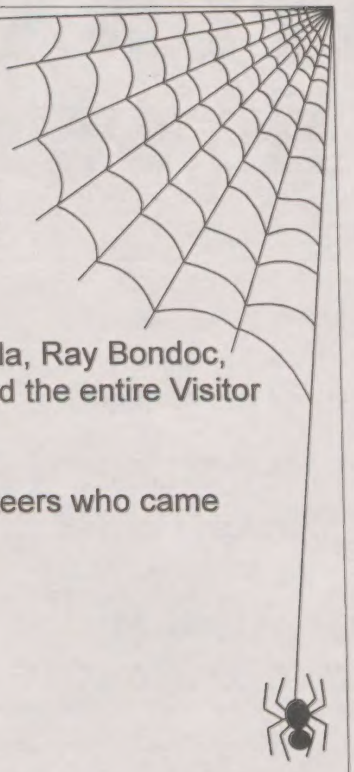
Fred Anderson, Margaret Baker, Rudiger Beiler, Bennet Bronson, Paul Brunsvold, Nina Cummings, Paula Horecny, Neil Keliher, Janice Klein, Levon McAllister, Mike Paha, Kent Peaslee, Karen Pernia, John Slapcinsky, Janet Voight, Bob Weiglein, John Weinstein, Ben Williams and Gene Dillenburg.

THANK YOU

The Personnel Office would like to issue a big THANK YOU to all who helped to make the Spiders! Staff Preview a success!

Special thanks to Liz Adams & Co., Dolly Ayala, Ray Bondoc, Elsie Guy, Carrie Hageman, Becky Lopez, and the entire Visitor Services Staff.

But mostly a Thank You to all staff and volunteers who came and saw Spiders!



REMINDER -- CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Every staff member and volunteer must complete and return a conflicts of interest disclosure form. Even if you have no conflicts of interest, you need to write "none" on the form, sign it and turn it in. If you have not done so yet, please do so. Forms and copies of the conflicts of interest policy are available from **Richard Koontz** (x882). Richard would be happy to answer any questions you have. Thanks to all of you who have filled your disclosure out and returned it.

THE WINES OF ITALY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEMBERS' WINE TASTING EVENT

The members' wine tasting series continues with The Wines of Italy on June 12, 1996, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Rice Wildlife Research Center. Volunteers are needed to assist with pouring the wine, greeting the guests, and yes, sampling wines. It's a fun event for all. Please call x453 if you would like to help.

SOFTBALL UPDATE: A schedule for the 1996 softball season has been posted. The team is still in need of a coach. Anyone interested in this position should contact extension 636.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 11th
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
PICNIC IN THE FIELD

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your Bank-At-Work Representative
or give her a call at (312) 407-3976
if you have any questions.

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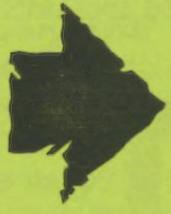

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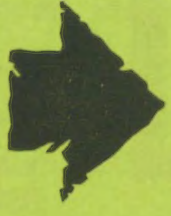

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WELCOME!

Staff Members who started at the Museum in May

Maria Alvarez	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Rep	235
Amy Baker	Public Relations	Media Relations Manager	344
Stephen Bell	Education	Spiders! Floor Manager	649
Bill Black	Education	Spiders! Floor Manager	649
Michelle Booth	Museum Stores	Sales Clerk I	860
Kevin Cunningham	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Rep	235
Tariq Farooqui	Academic Affairs	Intern	841
Sean Faul	Zoology/Fishes	MS-Science I	428
Carol Fialkowski	ECP	Environmental Educator	629
Evelyn Graham	Museum Stores	Sales Clerk I	860
Deborah Hartman	Zoology/Insects	MS-Science II	838
Olga Helmy	Academic Affairs	Intern	838
Nivia Maldonado	Academic Affairs	Intern	256
Bettina Marshall	Museum Stores	Sales Clerk I	860
Ayanna Mitchell	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Rep	235
Crystal Nicholson	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Rep	235
Russ Northrup	Exhibits	Exhibit Preparator	329
Tonya Price	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Rep	235
Sheila Spencer	Security	Security Officer I	322
Angela Wickham	Museum Stores	Sales Clerk I	860

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK...

Staff Members who left the Museum in May

Leonard Baugard	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Rep I
Ted Brockie	Anthropology	Intern
Heather Hug	Museum Stores	Sales Clerk II
Elizabeth Klarich	Anthropology	MS-Science II
Kevin Langford	Security	Security Officer I
David Mendez	Conservation	MS-Science II
Erin O'Donnell	Public Relations	Media Relations Manager
Leo Schwartz	Institutional Adv	Capital Campaign Manager

NEWS FLASH on MONTHLY PARKING PASSES

Standard Parking, which runs the Soldier Field lots for the Park District, will designate the section of the lot in which pass holders may park. The designated lots will change from time to time and Standard Parking has agreed to place a placard in the window of their cashier's station to tell drivers the designated lot for the day. Questions or comments should be directed to **Ron Cundiff** (x856).

The monthly parking passes are on sale at the Visitor Services office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The price is $30 for June and $40/month beginning in July. Shedd staff members may also purchase passes at The Field. ***If you are planning on sharing your pass,*** please be advised that the name under which the pass is purchased will be the name called in the event of a problem (e.g. car needs to be moved). ***As a matter of courtesy*** Visitor Services may elect to call you if your car lights are left on, etc., but Visitor Services will make ***one call only*** to the purchaser of the pass and it will then be the purchaser's responsibility to notify anyone with whom the pass is shared. Again, any questions or comments may be directed to **Ron Cundiff** (x856).

ATTENTION ALL EMPLOYEES WITH DIRECT DEPOSIT: Before you close your bank accounts, STOP AND THINK! You must notify the Personnel/Payroll Department first. If you do not do this, your paycheck will be sitting in limbo and you will not receive your paycheck until the next paydate!

If you have any questions regarding this, please call **Doris** (x220) or **Sandy** (x289).

Editor's note: *On March 4,* ***Laura Gates*** *presented to the staff the new space plan for the Museum. The construction work needed to implement that plan has now begun. From time to time, Facility Services and Operations (FP&O) will share information with staff via the* ***Natural News*** *concerning the status of construction projects within the building. Due to various problems that arise in the course of renovations, it will be difficult to give a precise timetable, but FP&O will try to give enough notice for reasonable planning. We thank* ***Frantz Cartright*** *for the following article:*

CONSTRUCTION BRIEFS...

The bids for the **Special Exhibit Hall** have ben received and contract award is scheduled to take place the week of June 3. Construction will start two to three weeks after that. Also, the Women's restroom in front of hall 5 will see some changes. The part that includes the baby changing area is being removed.

Presently, **Dining Room A** is being remodeled into our new **Campaign Center.**

Also under construction directly west of Picnic are the safety equipment area, **Diane White's new office** and the **FP&O offices.**

Membership has moved to the ground floor where Special Events used to be. **Special Events** has moved to the center of the same room temporarily until their new offices in the area of the current **Women's Board** office. Work in the current Women's Board area is being bid

and remodeling of the area will start in mid-June. It is now anticipated that the Women's Board will move in the beginning of August. The schedule for that move and all other activities is reviewed and adjusted continually to accommodate the needs and changes that normally occur.

Visitors Services will also be moving to **classroom 4** on the second floor. The renovation of that area is presently being bid. Visitors Services are scheduled to move in mid-August.

The **second floor** will also see some changes. The **Dino-Store** is being relocated outside of Life Over Time. This project is presently being bid. Construction will start immediately after.

Our **library** will see some changes soon. The air conditioning system in the Rare Books Room has been redesigned. The new system will provide better humidity and temperature control using state of the art technology. The room will also have a new fire protection system. The system will not use water to extinguish fires but non-toxic inert gas to avoid water damage to the collection in case of fire. Finally, there will also be electrical and lighting improvements.

And not far from the library the **skylight at Botany** is being redesigned. The new skylight will be water tight and energy efficient. Other minor changes are also planned for the space below. The budget is limited so the changes will be limited to the provision of a few electrical outlets and lighting improvements.

Repairs will also take place at the **boiler stack enclosure on the roof.** The terracota enclosure has deteriorated and the supporting masonry is in disrepair. The repair options are presently being considered. Construction is scheduled to take lace in mid-summer.

The **loading dock** will also be seeing some construction activity. The structure needs to be repaired and many roof leaks must also be repaired. In addition, a re-organization of the dock is being considered. The work will eliminate the bad odor there, provide an adequate bicycle room, better respond to the storage, compaction and recycling needs of that area.

The Museum's immediate surroundings are also receiving some attention. The **terraces** will be sodded. Flowers will be planted in the south island.

APPLAUSE!

To all those staff whose duties with the public kept them here over the Memorial Day weekend, and to those who were called upon to handle all the exasperation of this week's events.

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon. Printed on recycled paper.